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Applicants: Stephen Pacetti			
Serial No. 09/406,473	Filing Date: September 27, 1999	Examiner: LoAn H. Thanh	Group Art Unit: 3763

Invention: Drug Diffusion Barriers for a Catheter Assembly

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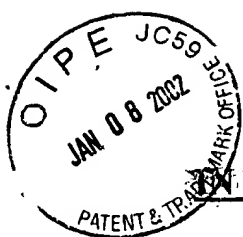
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Thanh:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 12, 2001, the Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims. The attached enclosure is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated below. The italicized claims are the remaining claims which have not been amended and are provided for the Examiner's reading convenience.

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1. (Amended) A sheath for an implantable medical device, said implantable medical device carrying a therapeutic substance which can be delivered to a subject, said sheath comprising a hollow body for removably covering at least a portion of said implantable medical device, wherein said body comprises a layer that prevents said therapeutic substance from significantly absorbing into said body or said layer.